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President's Greeting

Dear Car Club Members, Happy April!

I hope this message finds you all in high spirits and eagerly anticipating the warmer weather ahead. As we dive into this new month, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and upcoming events with you all. Firstly, mark your calendars on Saturday the 27th for our highly anticipated bus trip to the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar. This promises to be a day filled with automotive wonders and a chance to immerse ourselves in the rich history of the automobile. (See page 7 for details.) A big thanks to Ron Walling for his efforts in developing this joint trip with the Fallbrook Car Club. Be sure to RSVP early to secure your spot for this unforgettable experience. Additionally, don't forget to save the date for our annual Cajon Classic Cruise picnic on Wednesday the 17th. It's always a highlight of the year, filled with delicious food, great company, and of course, plenty of car talk. Bring your antique car, your appetite, and your favorite automotive stories for a day of fun in the sun. As always, keep an eye on our club's website and social media channels for further details and updates regarding these events and more throughout the month. Let's make April a month to remember in our shared love for all things automotive. Drive safe and see you all soon!

Tom McIlravy, President



Mullin Museum News (see page 6)

The Foot Warmer is the approximately monthly newsletter for the San Diego Region, AACA. Member submissions are solicited, welcomed, encouraged – all of that! Please email articles and photos of your antique automobiles and related activities to the editor at drjohn96@mac.com.

AACA Region Info

Birthdays

GUNTHORP	Bob	Apr	7
SIGLER	Shannon		8
SHAFFER	David		12
WORTHINGTON	Catherine		16
MCNEIL	Bob		21
BOOTH	Gladene		26
LOCKYER	Erik		30
RICHARDS	Diane	May	1
BUCHANAN	Robert		2
PRITCHARD	Robert		2
MONDINI	Tony		10
CLARK	Nannette		16
KAMBEITZ	Robert		19
REBELLO	Tracey		26
THIEMAN	Theodore		29

Anniversaries

WORTHINGTON	Barry & Catherine	Apr	1
JUDD	San & Deborah		8
ZOPFI	Jim & Verna	May	20

	Club Events
Apr 1	7 PM "Safe Driving" with Monica Zech
17	Cajon Classic Cruise (Richards)
27	Nethercutt Museum with Fallbrook club (Walling)
May 6	7 PM "Classic Car Valuation" Travis Williams
18	Beth Kind Open House
25	Breakfast Social
Jun 3	7 PM General Meeting, Beers Center
8	STP Car Show (Sheldon Jurist)
22	Breakfast Social
30	Bob Gunthorp's summer BBQ
Jul 1	No General Meeting
4	Coronado Parade (Thursday, Smithson)
13	"Summers Past" garden party (Richards, Cottee)
20	Hillcrest Car Show
27	Breakfast Social

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: TOM MCILRAVY (23-24)

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NANNETTE CLARK (24-25)

RON WALLING (24-25)

BARBARA FOLEY (24-25)

BOB GUNTHORP (24-25)

JACK HEACOCK (24-25)

KEY PLAYERS

MEMBERSHIP: MARK RICHARDS

TOURS: MARK RICHARDS

REFRESHMENTS: DIANE RICHARDS

ANNUAL BANQUET: BOB GUNTHORP AND SUSAN WOODS

ANNUAL AWARDS: MARK REBELLO, ART COTTEE, JACK HEACOCK

CORONADO PARADE: AL SMITHSON

ACCC REP/LEGIS: SHELDON JURIST

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS:

BOB GUNTHORP AND THE MEMBERS VOLUNTEER SQUAD

EDITOR: JOHN BOYD

PROGRAMS: Vice President

(SEE CLUB ROSTER FOR ALL CONTACT INFO.)

El Cerrito
Cars & Coffee

Sunday, April 7th, 2024
8:30 - 10:30 am
Chase Bank Parking lot
College Ave. and El Cajon Blvd.

Members Meeting Report

By Mark Richards. Photos Tom McIlravy and Mark Richards



!! B-I-N-G-O !!

The program for the March meeting was our first White Elephant Bingo Night. It was free, it was fun, and nearly everyone went home with a prize. Tom called the numbers and most people played three cards at a time. When a bingo was called the winner had the opportunity to choose a wrapped white elephant prize of their choice. The prizes were a mix of funny, practical and extraordinary items that members contributed from home. The next Bingo Night promises to be even more fun with some extra special surprises. Thank you Diane Richards and Sheila Jurist!

New Members

By Mark Richards

The San Diego Region welcomes new members Richard and Nancy Bates to our group. Their interest and experience with classic cars, particularly Studebakers, is a perfect fit for our club. Richard is a fan of camping out with antique cars and equipment, and hopes that we can do a tour together. They have a collection of antique vehicles:

- 1927 Studebaker Sport Coupe (T)
- 1916 Studebaker touring (T)
- 1919 Autocar truck (S/T)
- 1931 Ford coupe (T)
- 1936 Indian Scout motorcycle

We look forward to seeing Richard, Nancy and a Studebaker at an upcoming event soon.

SAVE THE DATE! AACA at CAJON CLASSIC CRUISE

By Mark Richards

Yes, it's here again, and it's earlier this year. The Car Club Corral at the Cajon Classic Cruise has been reserved for us to show off our cars and enjoy Southern California Car Culture at its finest. Bring your lawn chairs to relax and socialize, the club will be providing drinks and a box lunch.

Date: Wednesday April 17, 2024 (THAT'S IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS!)

Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Place: Orange Avenue and Main Street, El Cajon CA

RSVP to Mark Richards richards.markr@yahoo.com 619-672-3201

Check out the Charger Steve video of the 2023 season of Cajon Cruise at https://youtu.be/7ezFEoC_QV8.

SAVE THE DATE! GARDEN PARTY AT SUMMERS PAST FARMS ON JULY 13

Coordinators: Cottees and Richards. The Region returns to Summers Past Farms to enjoy a garden picnic party and parking on the grass for our classic vintage cars. Summers Past Farms has been a favorite place for the club to get together and socialize in a country setting with flower gardens, shade trees, a gift shop and coffee bar. Our hosts, Cheryl and Marshall Lozier welcome us to enjoy their beautiful property. Bring a lunch, but please plan to buy drinks from our hosts. You may want to bring your own chairs. Details of a group drive to Summers Past Farms are still being developed. 15602 Olde Hwy 80, Flinn Springs, CA.

Hillcrest Car Show

By Mark Richards and Jack Heacock

March 16 was bright and sunny, a perfect day for a car show in Hillcrest. 25 to 30 cars were in attendance, with good representation by the San Diego Region. Charles Hylton brought his 1940 Cadillac, Bob Gunthorp his 1967 Mercedes taxi, Mark Richards 1962 Volvo and Jack Heacock brought his 1957 Oldsmobile. Jack was accompanied by Bob DeFreitas.

Bob DeFreitas is a former member of the San Diego Region who used to live in La Jolla and been a prominent judge at AACA, CCCA, and Cadillac LaSalle shows for many years. Presently he lives in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where he keeps a number of outstanding cars, including Jack's former 1932 Cadillac, a Pierce Arrow, two 1940 Cadillacs, and an electric car from the teens. He was here to attend the Classic Car Club of America annual meeting and grand national held in Huntington Beach this weekend.

Many thanks to David Hallen and Joel Lehrer, Great Autos San Diego Area co-chairs.



Zemciks Visit Retromobile in Paris. Again!

Brad and Michelle Zemcik report visiting the annual Paris Retromobile show again this year. Brad has made his excellent photos of the event available for public viewing (with watermarks) at

<https://bzemcik.smugmug.com/Retromobile-2024>.

Contact Brad if you would like an unmarked copy of any of his photographs. There are some gorgeous pictures on the smugmug site!



Rebello, McIlravy, and Friends Visit the Desert



Mullin Museum to Close

By John Boyd

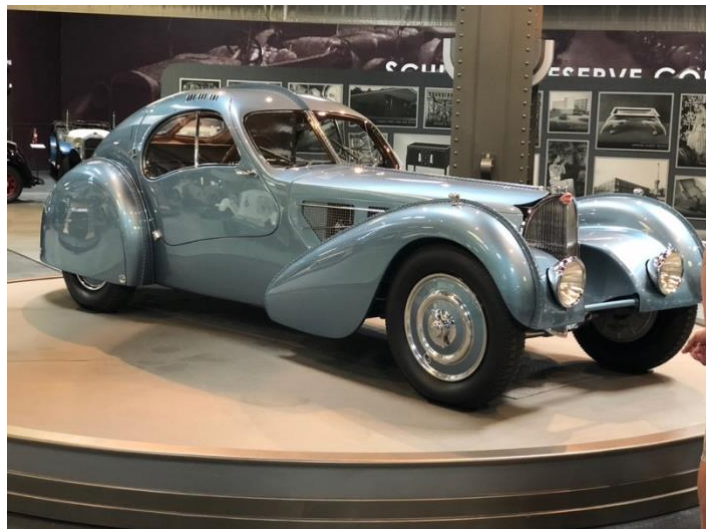
One of the most enjoyable automobile museums I have ever visited is the Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard, California. I have visited it several times, often with various car clubs. It opened to the public in 2010, and with the passing of founder and owner Peter W. Mullin in September last year, the museum closed its doors in February 2024. His museum featured French cars from the first half of the 20th century, and was full of striking, Art Deco-influenced automobiles that had been restored to breathtaking beauty. Four of his cars have been donated to the Petersen Museum. They include a 1938 Delahaye 145, a 1939 Delahaye 165, a 1938 Hispano-Suiza H6B, and a 1937 Talbot-Lago T150 CS Teardrop. Others of the collection were planned for sale at the Amelia Gooding Auction in March. Below are a few photos of the Mullin Collection I took in visits over the past few years.



1939 Delahaye 165



1932 Bugatti Type 55



1936 Bugatti Type 57 SC Atlantic



1937 Talbot-Lago T150-C-SS



HERE IS OUR CHANCE! THE NETHERCUTT COLLECTION!

For several years now, our club has wanted to tour the famous and fabulous Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar. Here, finally, is our chance. But if you want to go, you need to *act quickly*. Ron Walling has been working with the Fallbrook club, who have organized a trip for April 27! Space is limited to 50 riders, and most seats are already reserved. Click the link and sign up today if you want to go! Ron writes:

Bus Trip to tour The Nethercutt Museum and Collection on 4/27/2024

Please click on the link below to explore all the sights, sounds, and spectacular collections at the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, CA. The founders of Merle Norman cosmetics built these buildings and filled them with antiquities from all over the world, the finest automobiles and large, wind-powered musical instruments including pipe organs which are demonstrated during the tour of the facility. We will also be taken through the restoration shops, multi-floored auto displays, and collections of musical instrument-related things and car components. We are taking a Sun Diego Tour Bus with driver, as we did in 2018, leaving from the lower Fallbrook Library parking lot at 8:00 AM Saturday 4/27. Seating is limited to first-come, first-serve reservations as we must get 50 people to pay for the expense of the bus. Without 50, we cannot make the trip. So early registration is important. Other local car clubs will be able to register for the trip after Friday, March 8. FVCC members, families, neighbors, and guests need to be registered and paid for by Thursday March 7. Kathy and Dana will be providing "entertainment" on both legs of the trip. And yes, you may take a nap if so desired. Click here (or type in the link) to register NOW: <https://fallbrookvintagecarclub.org/product/the-nethercutt-museum/>. You can pay by credit card or PayPal. \$65.00 per person includes admission to the guided-tour only restoration portion of the museum. This portion of the tour is for pre-arranged tours only. You can now register and pay on our club website. Dana will finalize with his contacts at Nethercutt and also find a place for lunch before the tour that can accommodate all of our party. Pickup will be at the Fallbrook Lower Library parking lot around 8:00 AM, returning by 6:00 – 7:00 PM. This will be the Saturday after the Avocado Festival. Sign up now and join the fun! No driving required!! Bus Trip to tour The Nethercutt Museum and Collection on 4/27/2024 – <https://nethercuttcollection.org/>



TWO FOR ONE

The story of a 12-year old's first driving lesson. By Jack Heacock

One evening a long time ago when I was growing up in Sherman Oaks, CA, my 18-year-old sister was home for the weekend from college at UCLA. Our parents were having a bridge party and my sister was taking me to see a movie at a local theater.

My parents owned 2 cars, a 1951 Packard and a 1955 Mercury. As we entered the garage, I asked my sister if I could back the Mercury out of the garage. My sister exclaimed, "You mean Dad lets you drive the car?" Naturally, being the precocious 12-year-old I was, I stated, "Of course, all the time." With some trepidation and the vast experience of being 18, my sister acquiesced and I jumped into the Mercury's driver seat.

At that age I was the shortest kid in my 6th grade class and needed a large phone book to sit on just to see **through** the steering wheel. My brilliant sister decided to stand between me and the open driver's door. I did know how to start the car, having observed my parents do it many times. Well, you can guess what happened next.

I started the car OK, then carefully put the car in reverse (automatic transmission), which of course caused the car to jump backwards, I panicked, hit the brake, then the throttle, brake, throttle, etc. etc. In the meantime, my sister is quickly hopping backwards while the Mercury driver's door is peeling the chrome "spear" of the Packard passenger door completely off. My continuous stopping and throttling the car caused my sister to bounce between the two cars and the Mercury door hooked on the rear Packard bumper, wrenching it out from its bracket while jamming the Mercury door hinges. Finally, as we progressed downhill toward the street I finally slammed on the brake and stopped the car. I'm crying and my sister is nursing her bruised legs.

I exclaimed to my sister, "What am I going to tell Dad?" My sister looked at me with the look of death in her eyes and said "You aren't going to say anything!" To protect me (and herself) she somehow concocted a story that seemed to satisfy our parents at the time. Some years later I decided to tell the story at a family holiday dinner, ignoring the "No, no!" signals from my sister. Since my father was in his late 80s when I finally confessed the true story, he had a good laugh and all was forgiven.

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